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**In the Specification**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 5 as follows:**

Once instantiated, an area of the environment will remain instantiated only as long as a user requires that area for the application in use. When no longer in use, an area will terminate or lapse (i.e., cease to be maintained). A lapsed area may, if desired, be reinstantiated exactly as it was prior to lapsing by utilizing the initial conditions which caused the area to be initially instantiated. Such initial conditions will be retained and accessible to the computer in order to exactly restantiate the lapsed area. Where the application allows the user (or other forces) to effect changes to the instantiated environment, those changes may also be included in the reinstantiated area if likewise retained and made accessible to the computer. For example, if one user marks the outside of a building as having been searched and cleared and then leaves the area sufficiently to cause it to lapse, a second user, upon moving within the overall environment such as to cause this area to be reinstantiated, will see the same building and the building will retain the markings as left by the first user.